

WASHINGTON -- Congresswoman Linda Sánchez announced that the ABC Unified School District received a grant of \$564,725 from the U.S. Department of Education's Magnet Assistance Program. The grant is expected to be renewed for two additional years. The total grant funding for three years will be \$2,530,015.

"The district has an innovative magnet program linking schools by theme to promote diversity, and expand educational opportunities for students in lower-performing schools," said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez, who serves on the House Education and Labor Committee. "I am very pleased that the federal government recognized the importance of ABC Unified's magnet program."

"ABC School District has been fortunate to be the recipient of the Magnet School Assistance Program funds for the past ten years," said Dr. Mary Sieu, Deputy Superintendent of ABC School District. "We are delighted to have been successful again in obtaining this grant to convert three schools into magnet schools. This includes Burbank Elementary School (Artesia), Stowers Elementary School (Cerritos) and Fedde Middle School (Hawaiian Gardens). ABC will now have a total of ten magnet schools in the District."

Congresswoman Sánchez has been a strong supporter of education as a member of the Education and Labor Committee. The committee is currently working on the renewal of the No Child Left Behind Act. Congresswoman Sánchez is also working to advance legislation she introduced to make schools safer by providing programs to reduce bullying and gang violence.